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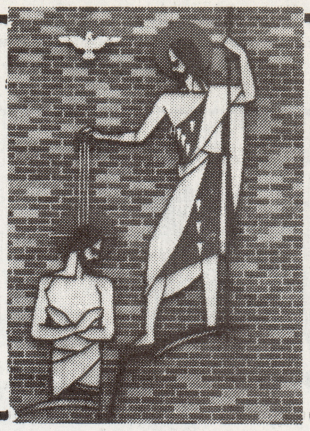


Just a Word

by Fr. Harvey

Belated congratulations are extended to Pat and Nan O'Hara who renewed their vows of marriage during a special Mass celebrated last Saturday evening on the occasion of their Silver Wedding Anniversary. Fr. Joseph Voor joined me in concelebrating the anniversary liturgy prior to the party hosted by the O'Hara children in their parents' honor.

Thanks also goes to all of you who were able to join us last Tuesday evening in honoring Marie Stachlewitz on the occasion of her birthday and paying tribute to her 55 years of service to this parish. Fr. Julius Meyer, Fr. Robert Burroughs and Fr. Jim Fitzgerald joined us on Tuesday evening for the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

A meeting of our ushers was held last Monday evening. The role of an usher in our community is an important one. He or she serves not just as a collection taker but more importantly as a greeter to all who enter the church. The sense of welcome should sincerely be communicated to those coming for worship. At the end of the liturgy, a kind "goodbye" should be spoken and a copy of the parish paper distributed. The usher's role is then one of assisting the spirit as well as the order of worship for the community of believers gathered. Parishioners can do much to assist, in their turn, the same spirit, by cooperating with the suggestions the usher makes.

I would like to share a few suggestions and reminders in this regard.

1. Try to arrive before the time Mass is to begin. I know it is not an easy task to get the family ready on Sunday morning. Parking is a problem here at some of the Masses. Allowing ourselves sufficient time to cope with such problems makes life easier for everyone. One usher reported to me that he has counted as many as 180 persons arriving late for the 11:00 a.m. Mass. With just a little more planning, I would hope that large number of late-comers could be reduced drastically.

2. Please cooperate with the usher when additional persons wish to be seated in your pew. No one has squatter's rights for any pew, though we all have our favorite spots. Try to make room for everyone by moving toward the center aisle if additional room exists near you.

3. After the entrance procession has gone up the main aisle, NO ONE is to be seated from the main aisle.

4. NO ONE is to be seated during the readings from Holy Scripture. If we believe that we are called to hear God's Word proclaimed in the Scripture, all attention should be focused on the Lector who is proclaiming that word. Seating may occur during the responsorial psalm or the alleluia verse but NOT during the readings from Scripture. If you arrive late, please follow the directions of the ushers.

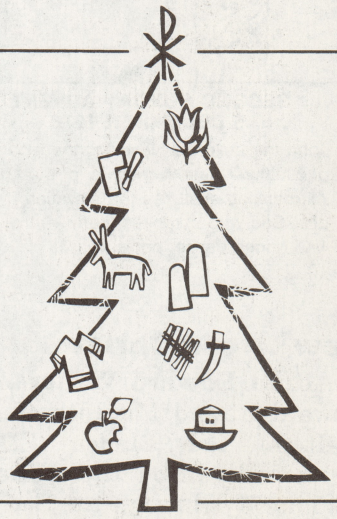
5. The head usher at each Mass has responsibility for obtaining the gift bearers at each Mass. If you are approached to participate in the Liturgy in this way, why not take your turn? I you or your family would desire to present the gifts at a particular Mass, contact the head usher in the main vestibule before Mass and offer your services.

With a little continuing consideration for one another's needs, the spirit and the order of our worship can be enhanced. Please do your part!

Jesse Tree Symbols

Items to be placed on the Jesse Tree this week are:

1. Jacob's Ladder (Read Genesis 25:21-34, 27:1-41, 27:10-22 and 50:1-14)
2. Joseph's Coat of Many Colors (Read Genesis 30:22-24 and 30:37-50)
3. Moses' Tablets (Read Exodus 2, 3, 13:21-22, 14:15-31, 16, 17:1-7, 20:1-17, Deuteronomy 34:1-8)



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holyday Masses

7:00 and 9:00 a.m.

4:00, 6:00 & 8:00 p.m.

Advent is a time of waiting. We beg: Come, Lord Jesus, Come. We prepare for Christmas in many ways, but as always, the preparation of one's own heart is most necessary and satisfying. Jesus has asked us to remember all, especially those less fortunate than ourselves. We here at St. John's would like in a special way to remember some of our community who are shut-in because of age or illness. Therefore, on Saturday, December 11 from 9:30 - 12:00 a.m. all are invited to come to the Center and make gifts and cards. These gifts will then be given on the following Saturday, December 18 to the shut-ins. Again, all are invited to come to the Center at 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. on December 18. We will leave from here and carol in various areas of our parish where our shut-ins are located. The cards and gifts will be given at this time.

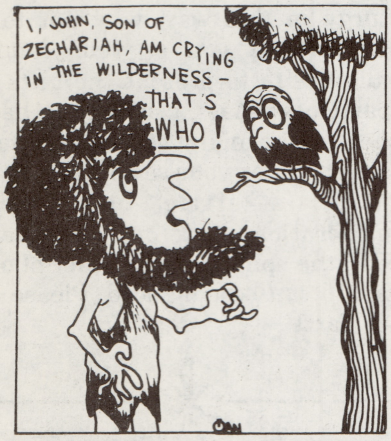
We invite all to participate in both or at least one of these days of: **gift making and gift giving!**

Please mark your calendars: No Classes: Tuesday, December 21 and December 28; Wednesday, December 22 and December 29; Sunday, December 26 and January 1.

We wish all of you deep peace that comes from accepting the Lord Jesus. We ask Him to bless all of your lives with joy!

The children who are interested in the Christmas Eve Liturgy will meet in the church basement, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., Monday, December 6. Costumes will be fitted during this time and the children MUST be present at this meeting to participate.

Anyone having costumes or props from previous years please bring Monday night, December 6 or drop them off at the school sometime before the meeting.



SECOND SUNDAY ADVENT
5 DECEMBER 1976

John the bulldozer, levelling the mountains of whatever gets in the way of the Lord! All mankind shall see the salvation of a God who surprises them — who brings peace, not a sword.

New Life in Christ

Alfred Edward Walters, son of Edward R. and Maureen G. (Borg) Walters, 114 Linden Ct., was welcomed into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism celebrated by Fr. Harvey on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 1976. Alfred's godparents are Charles and Carol Bethke. Welcome, Alfred; congratulations, Ed and Maureen!

Parish Nuptial

On Friday, November 26, 1976, Lewis E. Hehnlin and Linda Hill solemnized their covenant of holy marriage during a Nuptial Mass celebrated by Father Burns.

Lewis is the son of Mrs. Evelyn T. Hehnlin and the late Lewis Edward Hehnlin of Ypsilanti. Linda is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert H. Hill of Ann Arbor.

Music was supplied by guitarists Pat Glaad and Ann Albright, vocalist Vicki Pickett, and organist Marie Stachlewitz. Mary Lewise Bohanan and Harry Hill were the Readers. The main attendants were Bonnie McCarthy and Ernest Wheaton.

Congratulations, Lewis and Linda!

Natural Family Planning

December 9th
8:00 p.m. for new couples
7:00 p.m. follow-up of Nov. 11th couples
Parish Center Library

This meeting will deal with the Ovulation Method (Dr. Billings), and how to prevent and/or become pregnant in regard to each individual cycle. It is also an informational discussion of how the body of a woman functions in regards to ovulations. There is no fee. For further information, call Nancy DeVooght at 487-9137.

St. John's Bloodbank

The final count of the November Bloodbank is in with St. John's having an excellent showing of 41 participants. We are most grateful to the callers who invited you to attend because it was their persistence in making the calls which gained us such a large number. We are also grateful to those who accepted the invitation and went to the Bloodbank on the proper day. This has been our largest number of participants in many years and it is most encouraging. The next Bloodbank will be held in February and with

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Mass Schedule

Monday, December 6 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Ronald Blystone, req. by Mr. & Mrs. L. Mark Gray
2:30 p.m. John J. Sanocki, req. by Mr. Frank Sanocki (at Parkview Nursing Home)

Tuesday, December 7 - St. Ambrose, bishop-doctor
7:00 a.m. Lealand McCarberry, req. by Joanne & Jerry Hardy, Judy & Bob Hyde
5:15 p.m. James G. Blomquest, mo. anniv., req. by Therese & Norman Shures

Wednesday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception
7:00 a.m. Rev. Justin Hermes, Priests' Pact
9:00 a.m. For the Parishioners
4:00 p.m. Florence Frentner, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Southard
6:00 p.m. Mary Sanocki, req. by Mr. & Mrs. M. Mardensy
8:00 p.m. Elizabeth Burkheiser, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Matt Stein

Thursday, December 9 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Fr. Julius Bona, Priests' Pact
9:00 a.m. Intention of Frank Starwas, req. by Ben & Mary Lee Sharpe

Friday, December 10 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Edna O'Sullivan, mo. anniv., req. by Bill & Ann McCarthy

Saturday, December 11 - Weekday
9:00 a.m. NO MASS
12:00 noon - Wedding of Danny W. Penix & Linda N. Syrett
5:00 p.m. Bill Krips, mo. anniv., req. by Ginny Watkins

Sunday, December 12
7:00 a.m. Fern O'Hara, req. by Dr. & Mrs. F. B. Mountain
9:00 a.m. Irene Williams, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Dunkelberger
11:00 a.m. Margaret Hale, req. by Joseph Vachon Family
12:30 p.m. For the Parishioners

Christmas Bazaar Update

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

We, the chairwomen of this year's bazaar, would like to thank all of you for the tremendous help we received to make our bazaar a very successful one. Many hours of preparing for the bazaar along with worry and wonder from the managers and us are now over and we have been blessed abundantly for it.

A special thanks to all the managers, Eileen Tardiff, Kathleen Wysocki, Joan Gillman, Myra Walters, Dena Riley, Viola Smith, Dorothy Morgan, Natalie Bowyer, Cathy Guidebeck, Rita Sprague, Gale Clark, Margaret Budinger, Sally Cramer, Pat Martel, Valerie Zampardo, Lottie Conner, Margaret Meier, Helen Birdsall and Ida Frederick. Without these special people and those who were generous to donate so much, we could not have succeeded.

Our final profit totaled $3,760.65 with the sale of the cookbooks still bringing us in more profit. Thanks again to all who helped.

Sincerely,
The Chairwomen
Lynne Comazzi
Marilee Pilkington
Mary Wheeler

The Cookbook's a Success!!

I would just like to thank all of you who submitted a recipe toward our lovely big cookbook! A special thanks to Barbara Fairfield, Betty Racine and Helen Birdsall for the tedious job of typing the recipes, and to all the parishioners who helped compile the book one Sunday afternoon and evening.

It has been brought to my attention that some errors have been discovered and I would appreciate these errors being reported to me at 434-3159 so that we can correct these at one time.

Thank you again and I hope you all enjoy the recipes.

Mary Wheeler

Wedding Banns

III - Danny W. Penix and Linda N. Syrett

Financial Barometer

November 21, 1976

Sunday Offering	$3,160.93
Human Development	150.00
D.S.A.	40.00

Intercessory Prayer

"Hear my cry, O Lord,
Listen to my prayer,
From the end of the earth I call to thee
When my heart is faint."

Lord we pray for:
St. John's Parish Team
For the sick of the parish, especially Judy Plichta & Vivian Rominski
For the quake victims of Turkey & Chili
For the aged and the shut-ins
For the Children's Christmas Eve Liturgy
For the continued unity in the spirit of St. John's family
For vocations
For Marie Stachlewitz and for her faithful service in the Lord's house, may she grow in spirit and generosity of self

"Lead Thou me
To the rock that is higher than I
For Thou art my refuge
A strong tower against the enemy."

Praise God,
Dave Rocha

In the Area...

On Saturday, December 11, 1976 at 7:30 p.m., the St. Francis and St. Thomas Instrumental Music Departments will be hosting a music concert by the University of Michigan Youth Band and Wind Ensemble. The Concert will be held in the St. Thomas Gym, Ann Arbor.

The University Youth Band is a high school musical organization sponsored by the University School of Music and Extension Service. The Band is comprised of high school musicians from many schools

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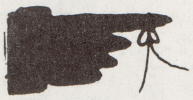
enough time to fill out cards and have times confirmed for those who are attending. We had a special exemption the last time because we began later than usual. Now that we are more organized, the rest of the banks should proceed as specified. We are encouraged by the number of people who could accept and who asked us to call again. Hopefully with this kind of positive attitude, we will be able to meet our quota.

Needs

...Catholic Social Services has called St. John's about a Vietnamese woman who is wanting to live with an American family in order to practice her English and to learn our culture. She would like to live with an older woman or family of not too large a size. Please call Gail Lynch at Catholic Social Services for more information at 484-1260.

...Companion needed (free room and board) to live with elderly man and granddaughter. Call 971-6914 after 6:00 p.m.

...Adult Foster Care Home Operators are in need of gifts for their annual Christmas Party for these home residents. Please give to Sr. Carol Denise and if wrapped, please indicate what and who good for. Churches in the area are being contacted.



Reminders

...**New Year's Eve Dance Tickets** available from Bill Lorenz at 434-2999, Rita Sprague at 483-3600, and Natalie Bowyer at 482-4742 or 487-3331 during the day. The cut-off date is Dec. 24, 1976. Plan to get your tickets early.

...**Church Women United** are having their annual Christmas Tea and meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 7th at 1:00 p.m. at Congress St. Church of God.

...**National Council of Catholic Women meet** at St. Pat in Whitmore Lake on Dec. 7th at 10:00 a.m. with Mass followed by a business meeting. Bring a dish to pass for the potluck lunch and your own table service. After lunch Sister Paraclete will present a tape and talk on the Blessed Virgin. In honor of the Christ Child's Birth, you are asked to bring a baby gift which will be given to Problem Pregnancy. Call Mil Kerner if attending.

can't decide where to buy your christmas tree?

Items of Interest

Alpha Kappa Psi Fraternity, in cooperation with St. John's, is sponsoring a Christmas tree sale starting today. The sale is being held in the church's parking lot. There are a limited number of trees so please buy early.

sale starts dec. 5

Marriage Encounter

There will be a Marriage Encounter Renewal on December 10th at 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Library. Three couples will present thoughts on a holiday theme. You are invited to bring goodies for the sharing table.

Single Catholic Adults - SCA

The SCA singles will be at the St. John's New Year's Eve Party at St. John's Church on Friday, December 31st. Cost is $12.50 per person. This includes band, food, pop, beer and setups. B.Y.O.B. Single, Catholic adults are invited to join us. For information call Sue at 482-1942.

Announcing Course in Special Religious Education

Title: "Challenge of the Disabled to the Christian Community"

This new course will be offered by Sister Joan Feeney, O.P., in three major areas of our Diocese. A variety of dates has been selected.

The course will consist of four sessions of 2½ hours each and offer ten credits (ED 804, Formation for Catechists of the Disabled). The fee for the course is $5.00.

This course will include a philosophy of Special Education, lesson planning, available materials, discussion of the role of parent education, and sufficient information to give the teacher a working knowledge of disabled students and promote understanding of their problem.

Please check the details and bring along a friend. If you have not already registered, call (517) 489-2481.

Ann Arbor: St. John the Baptist, 410 W. Cross, Ypsilanti, Tuesdays, December 7, 14, January 18, 25, 7:30 to 10:00 p.m.

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throughout the state. These students meet at the University each Saturday and rehearse some of the finest music written for bands, under the direction of Professor Dvorak.

The 7th and 8th grade band students from St. Francis and St. Thomas will also have the opportunity to play with the Youth Band for a selected number.

Because this concert is a fund-raising project for our music programs, we are asking for your whole-hearted support.

Tickets may be purchased from 7th and 8th grade band members of both schools, school offices, at the door. Admission is $1.00 for adults and $.25 for students and senior citizens. Please plan to attend and enjoy a night of music at St. Thomas on December 11th.

St. Alexis Bazaar

Sunday, December 12th - Bazaar, Raffle, White Elephant Sale, Booths, Bingo, Bake Sale. Display of combing, carding & spinning.

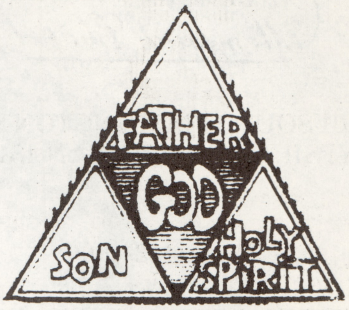
Literature Available

The December issue of **Liguorian** discusses, with startling facts and figures, a distressing problem today - "Teenage Drinking." In the Christmas mood, Father Earnest Larsen asks and answers the question: What if the Lord gave a banquet and nobody shared? Also in this issue, a lovely, poignant story by Thomas Cosgrove: "Castaway Children of Christmas Eve."

Appearing in December's **St. Anthony Messenger:** "Save a Life This Christmas" - For the lonely and depressed, Christmas can be a "deadly" season. Records indicate that suicides multiply. A little extra kindness can save someone's life this Christmas.

"Teaching Your Child to Worship" - A director of religious education and father of two offers fresh ideas about liturgical formation of the young.

Books suggested for Christmas giving this year comprise one feature of **Commonweal's** December 3 issue, with leading critics giving the reasons for their choice. The issue also provides a wealth of meaningful comment on happenings of the day in its lead editorial, feature articles and views of its lively columnists. The same is true of the December 17 **Commonweal,** the annual Christmas issue, and the December 31st issue, which completes the Bicentennial Year



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LITURGY

SATURDAY EVENING:	5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY:	7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
HOLYDAY:	7:00 and 9:00 a.m., 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.
DAILY:	7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday ...2:30 Parkview Home Monday ...5:15 p.m. Tuesday ...9:00 a.m. Wednesday & Saturday

BAPTISMS: 12:30 Mass on second Sunday of each month, after Parents/Expectant Parents have completed Baptismal Catechesis. Please pre-register 3 weeks in advance.
WEDDINGS: Notify rectory 2 to 3 months in advance for adequate preparation.
CONFESSIONS: Saturday ... 3:30-4:30 ... Anytime by appointment.

COMMUNAL PENANCE	As Announced
MARIAN DEVOTIONS	Tuesday 6:45 p.m.

REGISTRATION: New parishioner - please register at the rectory. Kindly notify us if moving from the parish.
COMMUNION CALLS: The sick and shut-ins who wish to have Communion brought to them may call the rectory or convent and request it.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PRE-SCHOOL:	9:00 a.m. Sunday
ELEMENTARY:	Wednesday Released Time and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
JUNIOR HIGH:	Tuesday 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
SENIOR HIGH:	Released Time a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
SPECIAL EDUCATION:	Arrangements made.
ADULT:	As announced

PARISH SERVICES

BABYSITTING:	9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday
COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS:	After 9:00 and 11:00 Masses except July & August
BINGO:	Wednesday 7:00 to 10:30 p.m. - Open 6:30

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Members of the parish team would be happy to join you and your family at dinner. Please feel free to extend your invitation directly to the person you would like to invite.

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